



Match Report

Under 7's – Sunday 13th March 2016

SSA Under 7's displayed fantastic performance throughout all matches played this week. All players were given targets to complete individually before the game and managed to complete them on numerous occasions throughout the matches played.

Jackson received man of the match in the first game, by managing to complete his releasing target before then going on to exceed his other target enabled him to pick up the award, becoming a stand out figure during this game. The timing of release and where to release the ball to were both very important during the game, as releasing the ball too late means the defender will make an interception. Releasing the ball safe side to retain or into space for a team mate to run on to create chances is also something done well by Jackson and SSA as a whole.

Defending was the topic for the second game and Man of the Match was given to Felix. After managing to curve his run, he forced attackers away from the goal. By using a curved run, it forces an attacker one way and allows the defender to sustain a better body position to regain the ball or force an error, which Felix was excellent at during the match.

Going into the last game of the day, the topic changed to ball manipulation/ shooting. There was no stand out player in this department due to every player showing great desire to get on the ball and work goal-scoring opportunities. Manipulating the ball allowed players to move the opposition around and unbalance the defence so that attempts on goal were not blocked and had a high success rate. Due to there being no Man of the Match each player should be extremely proud of their efforts to perform to the best of their ability and take great credit in applying the targets in which the coaches had set them.

Throughout the entirety of all three matches Sam, Freddie and Archie all displayed fantastic elements to their game, which then in turn helped the team overall. Sam showcased his great work rate when both in out of possession of the ball to help his team, whilst always looking to be positive when facing adversity, which is a huge testament to him as this is a hard thing to do when things don't always go your way. As well as Sam, Freddie particularly looked to implement the third target set by the coaches as his ball manipulation, especially in 1 vs 1 situations allowed him to create good shooting opportunities for his team to score or him to score individually.

Finally, Archie also had a very positive mind-set and was trying to implement the targets that he had been set by the coaches. This is a valuable attribute, allowing him to learn and progress further.

Overall, there were fantastic performances individually and collectively throughout all matches from SSA under 7's.